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## **Granholt Administration helps to expand child day care options for low-income families in 38 counties**

LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and Family Independence Agency (FIA) Director Marianne Udow today announced almost \$200,000 in grants to licensed or registered child care providers who serve children from low-income families. Udow said the 60 grants range in amounts from \$2,128-\$3,500.

“Child care can grow a child’s potential and this will help ensure our children get the great start in life they deserve,” said Granholm. “These grants increase access to quality child care and increase early childhood options for low-income parents.”

The grant program, called Enhanced Quality Improvement Program, is funded by the FIA and is aimed at increasing the quality and quantity of child care in Michigan communities. The Michigan 4C (Community Coordinated Child Care) Association, a partner with the FIA in helping public assistance recipients stay in the work force, administers the grant program.

The Lansing-based Michigan 4C Association selected the grantees. Grants were awarded for proposals that address equipment, computers, and resources to build child care capacity, support childhood development at care centers, and improve staff knowledge and caregiver techniques. EQUIP grants help child care providers develop service during afternoon, evening, and weekend work shifts, which is critical for working families, and ways to care for infants and children with special needs. Provider start-up grants help communities better meet the needs of their low-income families.

“The grants support families with children as adults work toward financial independence,” said Udow. “Safe and affordable neighborhood child care is critical to the success of low-income families.”

Working collaboratively with the FIA, the Michigan 4C Association regularly awards EQUIP grants to increase licensed child care capacity across the state. Last June the FIA awarded \$461,580 to 138 child care providers. From fiscal year 1998 through the current funding cycle, the FIA has distributed more than \$7.4 million in EQUIP grants funds. A list of current grantees follows. For more information on EQUIP grantees in any county, contact the Michigan 4C Association at (800) 950-4171.

See the [attachment](#) for current grantees. Read more on child care services at [www.michigan.gov/fia](http://www.michigan.gov/fia) under “Day Care”.

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February 2005 EQUIP grantees

County	Program Name	Last Name	First Name	Grant	Project
Alger		Cornish	Jennifer	\$3,286	infant equipment, storage, computer, classroom materials
Allegan		Schlack	Sandra	\$2,128	carpeting, infant & outdoor equipment
Baraga		Frank	Angela	\$3,500	flooring, storage, classroom equipment
Barry		Chase	Debra	\$3,317	computer, infant equipment, classroom materials, storage, carpeting
Barry		Buell	Dawn	\$2,974	computer, classroom supplies, outdoor & infant equipment
Benzie		Hewitt	Niki	\$3,277	computer, storage, outdoor & classroom equipment
Berrien	The Children's Center, Inc	Wardlaw	Mary	\$3,496	classroom equipment, storage
Berrien		Shembarger	Deborah	\$3,487	classroom equipment, storage
Branch		Preston	Paula	\$3,498	classroom materials, outdoor equipment, resource material, storage
Branch	Bright Beginnings	Hicks	Roxanne	\$3,313	outdoor equipment, classroom materials, storage
Calhoun		Harris	Laura	\$3,394	classroom materials, computer
Charlevoix		Baird	Cindi	\$3,500	storage, classroom materials
Chippewa		Johnston	Bonnie	\$3,348	classroom materials, office supplies
Clinton		Brown	Cindi	\$3,153	infant equipment, classroom supplies, storage
Delta	Gladstone Country Schoolhouse	Hayes	Jennifer	\$3,497	classroom equipment, computer
Eaton		McGregor	Monique	\$2,158	classroom materials, infant equipment
Emmet		Minzey	Sherry	\$3,095	classroom supplies, computer, infant equipment
Emmet		Loar-Trudell	Sherry	\$3,474	infant & classroom equipment
Genesee		Corbitt	Dawn	\$3,436	infant equipment, classroom supplies, computer, storage
Genesee		Williams	Lisa	\$3,498	classroom equipment, storage
Genesee	Kiddie Castle Childcare Services	Hughes	Annette	\$3,500	infant & classroom equipment, computer
Genesee	A Kingdom for Kidz	Williams-Coleman	Kimberly	\$3,500	computer, storage, classroom equipment
Gladwin		Rohn	Jodi	\$3,500	computer, classroom materials
Grand Traverse		Beery	Cheryl	\$3,489	storage, classroom equipment
Hillsdale		Locklin	Daphyne	\$3,452	computer, storage, outdoor & infant equipment, classroom materials
Huron		Kuhl	Mary	\$3,499	flooring, computer, infant equipment, classroom materials, storage
Huron		Edler	Saundra	\$2,619	flooring, air purifier, buggy, play kitchen
Ingham		Clemens	Monica	\$3,386	infant & outdoor equipment, computer, classroom materials
Ingham		Aldrich	Tamara	\$3,500	infant equipment, classroom supplies, storage, resource material
Ionia		Trierweiler	Jamie	\$3,373	remodeling, computer, car seats
Isabella		Lendzion	Hope	\$2,284	computer, outdoor & infant equipment
Kalamazoo		Carter	Thelma	\$3,486	classroom equipment
Kalamazoo		Wilson	Mary	\$3,112	flooring, classroom equipment
Kent	Gateway to Life	Kirkland	Tonya	\$3,500	classroom equipment
Kent		Beltran	Frensi	\$3,415	classroom materials, storage
Kent		Scott	Tameka	\$3,016	computer, egress window, stroller

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Lapeer		Wilson	Teresa	\$3,305	classroom materials
Livingston	Crossroads Learning Center	Cook	JoAnn	\$3,500	classroom equipment
Macomb	Kid Quest Child Care	Wilcox	Christina	\$3,500	storage, classroom equipment, computer
Macomb		Messner	Kimberly	\$3,443	classroom equipment, storage
Macomb		Cushard	Ruth	\$3,500	classroom equipment, curriculum
Manistee	Bear Lake Migrant Head Start	Hughes	Diane	\$3,500	classroom equipment
Marquette	New Life Kiddie Kollege	Anderson	Betty	\$3,440	classroom equipment, computer
Marquette		Brandel	Tina	\$3,500	classroom materials, infant equipment
Montcalm		Nunamaker	Penni	\$3,358	storage, classroom equipment
Oakland		Favors	Ernestine	\$2,945	computer, classroom materials, outdoor equipment
Oakland		Gonzales	Ruth	\$3,500	storage, classroom equipment
Oceana		Valentine	Autumn	\$3,500	computer, storage, beds, air purifier, classroom materials
Ottawa		Jekel	Karen	\$3,217	flooring vacuum, classroom & infant equipment, computer
St. Joseph	Little Angels Daycare	Schroeder	Judith	\$3,327	computer, classroom materials, beds
St. Joseph		Shears	Sherry	\$2,992	printer, storage, classroom materials
Van Buren		Stepanek	Brandy	\$3,493	computer, bathroom, classroom equipment, storage
Washtenaw	Wee Wisdom Child Dev Center	Powell	Geraldine	\$3,497	infant equipment, security system
Wayne		Congden	Julie	\$3,415	classroom supplies, computer
Wayne	Lil Bear Daycare	Page	Chandra	\$3,416	computer, beds, classroom materials, storage, infant equipment
Wayne		Hayes	Fonda	\$3,360	classroom materials
Wayne		Whitfield	Kimberly	\$3,437	classroom equipment, storage
Wayne		Fenderson	Scherriel	\$3,500	computer, beds, classroom supplies, basement remodeling
Wayne		Payne	Deborah	\$3,427	infant & classroom equipment, computer
Wayne	Angels in the Neighborhood	Frost	Cheryl	\$3,500	security system, fire doors
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